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SUBJECT: WHITLAM VISIT

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FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PREPARING MATERIALS FOR WHITLAM  
VISIT, I SUMMARIZE BELOW SEVERAL THEMES I HAVE BEEN  
DEVELOPING IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND  
HIS COLLEAGUES AND IN PUBLIC SPEECHES:

A. AS LONG AS WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT OUR SHARED BASIC  
OBJECTIVES AND COMMON VALUES, THERE IS NO REASON WHY LONG-  
TERM ALLIES AND FRIENDS NEED TO HAVE IDENTICAL VIEWPOINTS  
ON EVERY INTERNATIONAL ISSUE. THE US IS NOT DISMAYED BY  
THE WHITLAM GOVERNMENT'S EXPRESSION OF AUSTRALIA'S OWN  
NATIONAL INTEREST INDEPENDENT FROM THAT OF THE  
UNITED STATES. WE REGARD THIS AS HEALTHY AND CONDUCTIVE  
TO A MORE SOLID ALLIANCE ON CONDITION THAT OUR CENTRAL  
COMMON CONCERNS ARE PROTECTED.

B. ALTHOUGH THE US AND AUSTRALIA MAY DIFFER FROM TIME TO  
TIME ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP IN  
CLOSE AND INTIMATE TOUCH TO HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF  
OUR RESPECTIVE VIEWPOINTS. WE HAVE ACTIVE AND EXPERIENCED  
EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND CANBERRA, AND THEY CAN BE  
PROFITABLY EMPLOYED TO KEEP OUR GOVERNMENTS CONTINUOUSLY  
INFORMED OF ONE ANOTHER'S MOTIVATIONS AND CONCERNS.

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C. IN ORDER TO BE PEACEFUL WE MUST BE STRONG MILITARILY. A CREDIBLE DEFENSE CAPACITY IS THE PREREQUISITE TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF ISSUES THROUGH NEGOTIATION. WE MUST NOT UNDERSTAND THE LESSONS OF OUR GROWING DETENTE WITH THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE. THE MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY POTENTIAL BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT WHEN EXTERNAL THREATS SEEM REDUCED, BUT IT IS NOT LESS ESSENTIAL.

D. THERE HAS BEEN A TENDENCY TO REGARD THE BONDS JOINING AUSTRALIA AND AMERICAN AS BEING PRIMARILY IN THE DEFENSE FIELD. THIS IS A MISCONCEPTION. OUR DEFENSE TIES ARE OF COURSE IMPORTANT, RELATED TO GLOBAL EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A MORE SECURE WORLD, DETENTE AND ARMS LIMITATIONS. BUT MUTUAL DEFENSE IS ONLY ONE PART OF OUR

BROAD RELATIONSHIP. WE INJOY A COMMON HERITAGE OF LANGUAGE, OF DEMOCRACY AND COMMON LAW. OUR PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERTS WORK CONTINUOUSLY TOGETHER IN COMMON PROBLEMS OF TECHNOLOGY, URBAN PLANNING, AND THE NEW CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENT AND SPACE. OUR TRADE IS IMPORTANT TO US BOTH; WE ARE INTERDEPENDENT ECONOMICALLY AND WE SHARE A COMMON CLUTURAL TRADITION.

E. WE HAE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE FATE OF SOUTHEST ASIA, IN MAINTAINING STABILITY IN THE AREA AND IN ASSITING SEA COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP ECONOMICALLY. AN OUTWARD LOOKING AUSTRALIA CAN PROVIDE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP IN THIS EFFORT.  
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